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MARYLANDERS CAN GET FREE HELP ENROLLING IN HEALTH COVERAGE AS OPEN ENROLLMENT DEADLINE APPROACHES

STATEWIDE CALL-IN ENROLLMENT EVENTS OFFER HELP DEC. 5-15
Marylanders may enroll until Dec. 15 for 2021 private health plans

BALTIMORE (Dec. 3, 2020) — Maryland Health Connection, the state's health insurance marketplace where Marylanders can get financial help with their health coverage, will provide expert help to enroll by phone through statewide consumer assistance organizations Dec. 5-15. At these "Last Chance" phone events, navigators will provide free help to sign up for a health plan and understand coverage options and financial help.

Consumers also may enroll online at MarylandHealthConnection.gov, through the free "Enroll MHC" mobile app, or by calling 1-855-642-8572 toll-free from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. The call center has extended hours as the deadline approaches: Dec. 9, 10, & 11: 8 a.m.–10 p.m.; Dec. 12 & 13: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.; Dec. 14 & 15: 8 a.m.–10 p.m. Help is available in more than 200 languages.

The open enrollment period that ends on Dec. 15 is for private health and dental plans only. People who have coverage through Medicaid will receive a notice when it's time to renew. Those who qualify for Medicaid may enroll any time of year.

To learn more about 2021 health insurance plans and prices, Marylanders can visit MarylandHealthConnection.gov.

County	How to Get Connected	Date and Time
Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick and Howard	HealthCare Access Maryland (HCAM) 410-500-4710 or toll free 855-288-3667	Dec. 12 and 13 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Appointment only.

Allegany, Garrett and Washington	Area Health Education Center (AHEC) West 888-202-0212	Dec. 12 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call to get connected to a navigator.
Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester	Lower Shore Health Insurance Assistance Program 855-445-5540	Dec. 11, 4-8 p.m. Dec. 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call to get connected to a navigator.
Prince George's	Prince George's Health Connect 301-927-4500	Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Presentation and call in to connect with a navigator. Spanish and French. Dec. 6, 6-7:30 p.m. Community Presentation co-sponsored by 311 On the Go! Hispanic community. Presentation & call to get connected to a navigator. Dec. 10, 2 p.m. Facebook Live "A Conversation With Young Adults on Health Insurance" with Young Invincibles Dec. 10, 4 p.m. PGCMLS Live "Community Conversation with the CEO" with Shari Curtis & Ben Turner Call to get connected to a navigator.
Montgomery	Montgomery County Health Connection	Dec. 5, 6, 12 and 13 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

	240-777-1815	Call to get connected to a navigator or make an appointment.
Cecil, Caroline, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Talbot, and Queen Anne's	Seedco 866-492-6057	Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call to get connected to a navigator. Dec. 12, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointment only. Dec. 15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Appointment only.
Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's	Seedco South 855-339-3007	Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call to get connected to a navigator. Dec. 12, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointment only. Dec. 15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Appointment only.

Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE), a public corporation and independent unit of state government established in 2011, administers Maryland Health Connection.

Maryland Health Connection (MHC) is the state-based marketplace for Marylanders to shop and enroll in health insurance, as well as determine eligibility for Medicaid and other assistance programs. It is the only place where Marylanders can access financial help such as tax credits to make coverage more affordable.